



St. Andrew's Reading Street

One family, with Christ at the centre,
welcoming all!

Sunday 11th February 2018
The Sunday next before Lent

Thought for the week: "For love is everlasting, remember the truth that once was spoken, to love another person is to see the face of God"

Welcome: A warm welcome to our guest speaker, Dr Richard Scott, who will be explaining more about the forthcoming Alpha course that we are hosting. We hope that he will enjoy his time with us.

Marmalade for MAF: Wilma's homemade marmalade will be on sale on today in the hall after the 10:00am service. Only £1:90 a 1 lb jar. All proceeds go to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Voyagers: The Voyagers next meeting is on Wednesday **21st February at 7:30pm**, in the community hall. Our own Anne Pearce will be talking about her life and career in Zimbabwe.

Lent at St Andrew's: Our Lent course starts on Tuesday 20th February. There will be two Tuesday sessions. The first at 11:00am in the community hall, followed by a soup lunch, and the second at Mike and Joy Hawthorne's house, 'Tonela' Sowell Street at 7:30pm. If you want to come to either session, please put your name on the sheets at the back of the church.

Club Union development: A new planning application has been submitted. A public meeting will be held on **Friday 16th February at 7:30pm**, in the community hall to discuss the new application. The meeting is open to all who have concerns or questions. Cllr Jenny Matterface will be in the chair.

Ash Wednesday: Don't forget there is a Communion service with imposition of ashes, at 6:30pm.

Processional Hymn: **619** “When morning gilds the skies”

Collect:

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings **2 Kings 2: 1-12** (p367) Read by Anne Dickinson
 2 Corinthians 4:3 - 6 (p1161)

Gradual Hymn **600** “Thou art the way”

Gospel **Mark 9: 2-9** (p1012)

Intercessions led by Richard Collins

Offertory Hymn **545** “O sing a song of Bethlehem”

Communion Hymn **NHWS 194** “Let there be love” (sung twice)

Post Communion:

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Recessional Hymn **NHWS 207** “Lord Jesus Christ”

Prayer after the service: A member of the Pastoral Team will be available in the Lady Chapel after the service should you wish to speak to or pray with them.

Refreshments: Everyone is welcome to come through to the community hall for a chat and a cup of tea or coffee after the service.

Please pray for: Josephine Barber, Kenneth Benjamin, Betty and Malcolm Bruce, Paul Buckley, , Andrew Grossart, Susan and Tom Hindmarsh, Sheila Hook, Jean Mason, Charles Saunders, Evelyn Smart, Liz Stokes, Wynne Thomas, Sheila Watson, Geoffrey Wheeler, David Williams and Sid Morgan

The Deceased: Geoff Love. Please pray for Geoff and those who mourn him.

This Week: Monday 12th February to Sunday 18th February

<u>Monday</u>	6:15 pm Men's Yoga with Abbey
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:00 am Bible Study: Philip's group meet at St Andrew's House Michael's group will meet again when the Lent course starts
<u>Wednesday</u>	Little Ted's parent and toddler group and the women's group are not meeting this week, as it is half term. All back to normal next week.
<u>Thursday</u>	10:00 am Said Communion in the Lady Chapel Pilates in the hall 11:00 am Drop-in surgery in the Upper Room
<u>Friday</u>	10:30 am Drop in Coffee morning. All welcome!
<u>Saturday</u>	6:00 pm Pancake party in the Community Hall
<u>Sunday</u>	8:00 am Said Communion 10:00 am Family Communion and Junior Church.

Dates for your diary:

Friendship Lunch: Our next lunch is at 12:00 on Tuesday 20th February at Queens Road Baptist church. Names to Janet Porter on 865178.

Speakers for Lent Services:

Philip has arranged a programme of exciting speakers for the 10:00am service during Lent. Details thus:

18 th February:	Rev Aptin Samedi (St Philips, Palm Bay)
25 th February:	Mrs Suzie Howe (Director of The Bethany Children's Trust)
4 th March:	Rev Sue Woan (Holy Trinity, Margate)
11 th March:	The Venerable Jo Kelly-Moore (Archdeacon of Canterbury)
18 th March:	Simon Hawthorne

May Queen Festival: This will be on Saturday 12th May. Pauline would welcome any silk or artificial flowers for decoration. The office will store any given.

St Andrew's Quiz: The February quiz is now available from the office and the pub. Have a go this month, raise some funds for the church **and** have the chance to win a **£25** M and S gift card. This month's answers are all spouses, partners or lovers

Charity Tea Afternoon: Friday 16th February between 1:00pm and 3:00pm
Clare Jackson will be talking about the crisis affecting the 'Hope for Podencos' charity, which helps rescue these Spanish hunting dogs from abuse and neglect. Enjoy a cup of tea with cake and browse the stalls and merchandise that will be available, and meet a podenco!

Pancake Party: Last chance to buy a ticket for the party on Saturday 17th February from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Cost £2 per adult and £1 for a child. See Pauline for tickets.

Alpha Course: we will be running an Alpha Course for all, starting on **Tuesday 10th April, at 7:30pm** in the community hall and running for 10 weeks. Each session will be introduced by Dr Richard Scott. There will be food, followed by worship, a live talk and then group discussions.

Did you know? On this day in 1650, the 53 year old French philosopher Rene Descartes died of pneumonia. He famously said 'cogito ergo sum' (I think, therefore I am) or am not after pneumonia got him

Perhaps a "little weed'ing"? Bill and Ben, the Voyagers' handymen could be available to help with your chores. See a church warden for more details.

Food Bank: We are continuing to support the food bank and your donations of non perishable items are particularly welcome at this time of year.

Parish Office: The office is open as usual this week.

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